

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ദാമോദരമേനോൻ.

(a) ഇല്ല.

(b) ഇല്ല.

ഉത്തരായി ഭക്ഷിയിൽ വെട്ടിയില്ല.

(c) ഇല്ല.

സ്ത്രീ, സ്വർപ്പിച്ചാൽ മതിയായ ജലോപനമർ ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്.

The Varandarappalli Panchayat.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

142. (a) What is the exact date on which the term of office of the old members of the Varandarappalli Panchayat expired? The date of publication of the result of the election in the Gazette, the date on which the new members were nominated, and the date on which the President was elected and the result published in the Gazette?

(b) Has the Government taken any action regarding the remarks made by a member during the last session of the Council that the unanimous opinion of the members of the three Panchayats in his constituency is that the Panchayats under its present management are far from being satisfactory?

(c) When, during the discussion of the budget, a cut was proposed in the allotment for Panchayats on the ground of those institutions not being managed properly by the Superintendent of Panchayats, the Diwan Peishkar, on behalf of the Government, assured that the Government would examine the question of continuing the existing system of Panchayats. On that assurance the motion for cut was withdrawn. Has the question since received the consideration of the Government, and, if so, at what state does it stand?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) The term of the old members expired on 3rd Kumbham 1100. The new members were elected on 26th Kumbham 1100. The result of the election was notified in the Government Gazette, dated 10th Karkadagam 1100, under date 30th Mithunam 1100. The notification regarding the nomination of new members is dated 25th Karkadagam 1100, and it was published in the Gazette, dated 31st Karkadagam 1100. The President was elected on 22nd Chingam 1101, and the same notified in the Gazette, dated 17th Kanni 1101, under date 29th Chingam 1101.

(b) Such casual statements are not taken any notice of.

(c) The question was examined by the Government. They consider that no change is necessary in the existing order of things.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

The term expired in Kumbham 1100. On the 17th of Kanni 1101 the result of the election of the President was notified. There was a duration of 8 months. The term expired on the 3rd of Kumbham. Between the expiry of the term of the old members and the appointment of the new members there was a period of more than 8 months. May I know why so much time was taken? Was there any dispute?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There were some complaints about the election.

PRESIDENT.

Do you know, Mr. Raman Menon?

Mr. I. RAMAN MENON.

I don't exactly remember now.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

It may be found out whether there was any dispute. The delay is due to want of time on the part of the Superintendent, who is otherwise engaged, as he is overburdened. That is my point.

PRESIDENT.

Though it is a simple matter of election, even for that he has to sign papers and do so many other things.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

In very many other Panchayats this takes place. What is meant by "such casual statements are not taken any notice of" in (b)?

PRESIDENT.

They are observations made without any examination of the facts of the case.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Are the remarks made by the members of this Council casual?

PRESIDENT.

Some may be casual and others not (*Laughter.*)

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Here it may be the unanimous opinion of the members. If so, is such a statement a casual statement?

PRESIDENT.

It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the three Panchayats and not of the members of this Council.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

The unanimous opinion of the members is that the Panchayat under its present management is far from being satisfactory.

PRESIDENT.

Who made this observation? Is it recorded in the Proceedings?

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

I said that the Head of the Agricultural Department should not be overburdened with three departments. He is after all a human being.

PRESIDENT.

That is one observation, and you have made another one that, as he is overburdened, the Panchayats may be transferred to the Commissioner of Police. That shows that you are not in right earnest.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

I want only somebody else, some Heads of Departments, to whom they may be transferred.

PRESIDENT.

Of course, that is not meant to be taken as a serious suggestion.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Sub-division (c). "The question was examined by the Government". Is this examination a casual examination, or may I know how it was examined?

PRESIDENT.

The whole question was examined. I don't think it was a casual examination. It was examined carefully enough. It was during the time of Mr. Narayana Menon.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

The Proceedings were printed also. An extract was read out by me.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

I want to know whether it was examined after the last session. During the budget session this remark was made.

PRESIDENT.

This was not examined after the session.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Here it is said it was examined by the Government. I ask when it was done.

PRESIDENT.

Previously.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

A promise to do so was given, and they now say they have examined it.

PRESIDENT.

The promise was made without referring to what was done previously.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Only a temporary promise or a permanent one?

PRESIDENT.

I am not in a position to say.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

But during the meeting they promised.

PRESIDENT.

The whole question was thoroughly gone into. That is all that I have to say.

The Working of the Committee appointed for Compiling the Malayalam Dictionary.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

143. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Committee appointed for compiling the Malayalam Dictionary?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the last report of the Committee, if any?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) The member is referred to part (b) of answer to question No. 12.

(b) A copy of the last report is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

The Clubbing of the Zoo at Trichur with the Agricultural Department.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

144. In view of the fact that the Veterinary Department is placed under the Superintendent of Agriculture and Pancha-